

REMARKS

The undersigned attorney, William Blake, would like to thank the Examiner, Susan Alimenti, for the courtesy shown during the telephone interview of July 19, 2005. During the interview, Ms. Alimenti acknowledged that she had overlooked the limitations in claim 1 as previously amended in which first and second of the cage side panels are attached to one another with both first and second fastener elements of the type recited in the claim. In contrast, the reference to Huang that is relied upon in the rejection of claims 1 and 3 under 35 U.S.C. 102, discloses the use of different fastening elements, but not to attach the same two panels together. The use of the two different fastening elements provides a beneficial result as discussed in the previous Amendment filed January 13, 2005. Ms. Alimenti acknowledged the distinction and noted that, pending a final review, the claims should be allowable over the prior art of record.

To address the formalities noted in the Office Action and also during the telephone interview, claims 1, 2 and 9 have been amended. In claim 1, the word "side" has been added in a number of places before "panel" for consistency. Similar changes have been made in claim 2, which has also been amended to overcome the antecedent basis problem noted in the Office Action. Finally, claim 9 has been amended to correct the grammatical error noted in the Office Action.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the application in now condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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